

**Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting**  
**19 January 1999 6:30 p.m.**  
**Winston Elementary School**

**Members/Alternates present:**

**Public members:**

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock  
RAB Installation Co-Chair  
Mr. Edward Weinstein  
SAWS  
Mr. Gordon Banner  
TNRCC  
Ms. Laura Stankosky  
EPA  
Mr. John A. Jacobi  
TDH  
Mr. Sam Sanchez  
Metropolitan Health District  
Mr. Nicolas Rodriguez, Jr.  
BMWWD

**Community members:**

Dr. Gene Lené  
RAB Community Co-Chair  
Mr. Sam Murrah  
Mr. Paul Person  
Mr. Mark Puffer  
Mr. Carl Mixon  
Mr. Paul Roberson  
Greater Kelly Development Corp.  
Mr. Mr. Armando Quintanilla  
Mr. George Rice  
Ms. Tanya Huerta  
Mr. Allan Hagelthorn

**Members Absent Without Alternate:**

Mrs. Yolanda Johnson (death in family)	Ms. Annalisa Peace
Mrs. Dominga Adames	Mr. Juan Solis, Sr.

**Item I: Call to Order**

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Item II: Administrative Topics**

- A. BGen. Murdock announced the resignation of community co-chair Damian Sandoval.
  1. On behalf of the RAB, Gen. Murdock offered to draft a letter to Mr. Sandoval thanking him for his service to the RAB. The RAB agreed. Gen. Murdock said he would provide RAB members a draft of the letter for review.
- B. The General introduced Mr. Pat McCullough, Senior Representative for the Base Conversion Agency at Kelly AFB and explained his role in regards to the RAB.
- C. RAB members introduced themselves.
- D. Review of Action Items
  1. BGen. Murdock reviewed the list of action items from the last meeting. He directed members to the materials package, which detailed the response for each action item. He highlighted a few of the action item responses.
    - a. He noted that minutes from past Base Closure Team (BCT) meetings had been mailed to RAB members and that members will continue to receive BCT meeting minutes in the future. He added that the minutes will also be available in the Information Repositories and placed in the Administrative Record.

- b. BGen. Murdock said training can be made available to RAB members, funded through the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) grant.
  - 2. In response to one of the action items, Mr. George Rice said he had previously stated the Air Force's statements regarding the contamination's impact to the Edwards Aquifer were false and contradict the Air Force's own documents. He said he had asked for a reason why the Air Force would make such statements. He said Air Force's response was merely a restatement of the Air Force's previous statements. He said he did not understand why the Air Force would respond that way.
    - a. BGen. Murdock asked if the item in question could be discussed after the meeting and left as an open agenda item for the next meeting. Mr. Rice agreed, and the discussion was tabled.
- E. Review of Minutes
  - 1. The October 28, 1998 minutes were accepted, with one change of a typographical error (roll to role).
- F. Election of new Community Co-chair
  - 1. The RAB community members nominated Dr. Gene Lené to replace Mr. Sandoval as community co-chair. No other nominations were received, and Dr. Lené was named co-chair by acclamation.
- G. New member application
  - 1. Mr. Kent Iglesias was introduced as a candidate to fill one of the three vacancies on the board. Mr. Iglesias, who is an Air Force member who lives at Kelly AFB, said he was looking forward to being on the RAB and would commit whatever time was necessary to serve the community.
    - a. He was accepted without objection.
  - 2. BGen. Murdock said there were still two vacancies on the board that he was anxious to fill. He said he has contacted city council members and asked them to nominate citizens from areas that were either not represented or underrepresented.
    - a. BGen. Murdock said he would make the formal letter of request available to RAB members when it was completed.

### **Item III: Community Comments**

- A. The floor was opened for community statements. No community members made statements.
- B. Mr. Armando Quintanilla asked for more information about the recent chemical spill that was reported in the media and supposedly had killed fish in Leon Creek. He was concerned that the RAB had not been informed of the spill, as dictated in the RAB Charter.
  - 1. BGen. Murdock said, as previously agreed, that spills that are deemed as reportable by law would be reported to Mr. Carl Mixon, who represents the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Mr. Mixon would then give a report to the RAB. Gen. Murdock said the recent spill was not of a reportable quantity, which was why the RAB was not formally informed.
    - a. Mr. Mixon agreed the spill had been reported properly, and that the quantity was not a legally reportable quantity.
  - 2. Mr. Larry Bailey, Kelly AFB, gave a brief report about the recent spill. He said the chemical was detected in a stormwater outfall. The chemical was a solvent used to clean parts. The product was a citrus-based cleaner that replaced far more hazardous

chemicals. He said the base was currently investigating how the chemical got from the shops where it is used to the stormwater outfall.

3. Mr. Gordon Banner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) representative, said the State also investigated the spill. While there were a few dead fish found in the concrete basin separating the outfall and Leon Creek, they determined the chemical probably did not reach Leon Creek and found no dead fish in the creek.

#### **Item IV: Public Involvement Opportunities**

- A. Mr. Dick Walters, Kelly AFB, gave a presentation on upcoming public involvement opportunities. See attached slides. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Banner announced that TNRCC would be holding a public meeting for sites E-3, S-8, SA-2, and SD-1 on January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Dwight Middle School.
- B. In regards to Site S-8, Mr. Rice asked if the Class 3 Modification meant any additional public involvement requirements.
  1. Mr. Banner said that while public meetings are required for all the sites, a Class 3 Modification carries some additional public involvement requirements.
- C. Mr. Quintanilla asked that executive summaries of closure documents be made available to RAB members for review. He said he does not have time to go the library to review the documents and receiving executive summaries would be more convenient and would allow RAB members to review more documents.
  1. It was taken as an action item.
  2. Dr. Lené suggested that executive summaries could be made available on the Kelly AFB environmental web site for those with computers.
- D. Ms. Tanya Huerta asked who decides what documents get reviewed and commented on.
  1. BGen Murdock said this is an issue for the Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS) to address and bring to the RAB.

**A short break was taken.**

#### **Item V: Subcommittee Update – TRS**

- A. Dr. Lené gave a brief report of the last three TRS meetings. Highlights are as follows:
  1. **November 98 meeting:**
    - a. Presentation on monitored natural attenuation
    - b. Presentation on groundwater reinjection
    - c. Spills: TRS agreed to receive spill reports for RAB
    - d. Members agreed to focus more on the document review and reporting back to the RAB.
    - e. Agreed to synchronize meeting dates with BCT meetings for convenience
  2. **December 98 meeting:**
    - a. Presentations on passive in-situ remediation techniques, including phytoremediation
    - b. Report on status of Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) public health assessment
    - c. TAPP contractors will review ATSDR's report, Zone 4 OU-2 Workplan, and the Basewide Remedial Assessment when they are available.
    - d. TAPP grant: Use of TAPP for training and reapplying for another TAPP for FY 99
  3. **January 99 meeting:**
    - a. Kelly AFB environmental web site

- b. Site S-4 update
  - c. TRS membership issues: Mr. Quintanilla nominated as TRS member. The matter was to be decided by the RAB Co-Chairs.
  - d. Develop mission statement for TRS. Get back to original mandate.
- B. The next TRS meeting was announced for February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's University. Topics include reviewing the Zone 4 Groundwater Decision Document and the Focused Feasibility Study for Site S-1.
- C. BGen. Murdock said he would concur with Mr. Quintanilla's nomination to the TRS. Dr. Lené agreed. According to the charter, Mr. Quintanilla was then added as a TRS member.
- D. Dr. Lené said he is looking for additional TRS members and asked anyone interested in joining the TRS to contact him.

#### **Item VI: Base Conversion Agency Update**

- A. Mr. McCullough, Base Conversion Agency (BCA), gave a presentation regarding the mission of BCA, its role in the closure of Kelly AFB and what it's doing about the cleanup.
- B. Mr. McCullough emphasized that the San Antonio Air Logistics Center commander is in charge of the base until the ALC officially closes. At this time, BCA works in support of the Air Logistic Center's mission. He said in his experience, redevelopment works best when there is one voice for the community, and that voice is the Greater Kelly Development Corporation (GKDC).
- C. Mr. McCullough extended an invitation to RAB members to attend BRAC Training scheduled for 16-18 Feb 99.
- D. Mr. Adam Antwine, also of BCA, detailed the environmental concerns of BCA in regards to cleanup and ensuring future tenants do not create additional problems. He said BCA's environmental funding for the base has been \$20-30 million per year since 1996.
- E. Questions and Comments
  - 1. Mr. Quintanilla asked if they would deal with contamination off base. Mr. McCullough reaffirmed the Air Force's position to deal with contamination it has caused no matter where it is.
  - 2. Mr. Rice asked if BCT meeting materials can be made available to RAB members. Mr. McCullough said it was not his decision to make. It must be a decision of the BCT. He said he will bring the question to the BCT for consideration.
  - 3. Mr. Quintanilla asked what role BCA played, if any, in the recent lease-back of the RED HORSE property. Gen. Murdock said that the RAB is to discuss restoration issues; therefore, the RAB is not the proper forum to discuss the RED HORSE issue.
    - a. Mr. Paul Roberson, GKDC representative, said contrary to news reports, no decision has been made regarding the RED HORSE issue. They received the Air Force's proposal on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and are reviewing it. He said for the proposal to be accepted, it must make technical sense, allow for public comment, and be reviewed and approved by the GKDC board. He announced a public meeting on February. 10<sup>th</sup>, to allow public comment on the proposal.
    - b. Mr. Quintanilla asked if BCA will have a role in the decision. Mr. McCullough said no, not at this time. Mr. Quintanilla asked for a copy of all leases made. Mr. McCullough said it is a matter of public record and he could get a copy.

## **Item VII: BCT Update**

- A. BGen. Murdock said since most of the questions regarding the BCT Report had already been discussed during the course of the meeting, there would be no formal report. However, he referred members to Item B in the Action Items, outlining the response to Mr. Rice's inquiry as to why RAB members were not permitted to be a part of the BCT.
- B. Questions and Comments
  - 1. Mr. Quintanilla said since off-base contamination issues are discussed at the BCT meetings, the community should be represented. He said not allowing the RAB to have a representative on the BCT violates the Environmental Justice Executive Order, which requires the community to be involved in the decision-making process.
  - 2. Mr. Rice stated he believed that RAB members should be able to attend BCT meetings, even if just to observe. However, in lieu of that, he requested that BCT materials be made available to RAB members.
  - 3. BGen. Murdock said it was the BCT members' decision to not include RAB members.
  - 4. Ms. Tanya Huerta asked if other BCTs across the country have open meetings? BGen. Murdock said he did not know, but would find out.
  - 5. Mr. Roberson said the underlying concern here is the public's opportunity to comment and participate in decisions. He said all decisions are brought before the public. He said if decisions were being made in secret, that would be a problem that should be addressed.
  - 6. Mr. Quintanilla said that documents are being withheld by the BCT. BGen. Murdock asked which documents. Mr. Quintanilla said he did not know, but has filed a request through the Freedom of Information Act to find out.
  - 7. Maj. Tom de Venoge, Kelly AFB, said this issue was discussed at the last TRS meeting. He said the BCT receives draft documents at the same time as the regulators and the RAB.
  - 8. Mr. Banner noted that he finds it ironic that RAB members are saying that they don't have enough time to review the documents they are getting, yet they say they're not getting enough documents.
  - 9. Mr. Sam Sanchez, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District representative, said the TRS has not looked at a lot of documents, but given the time constraints of the members, it is doing a good job. He said the TRS relies on the presentations given by the Air Force and its consultants.
  - 10. Mr. Quintanilla asked for the action item: Find out if RAB members can get BCT materials.

## **Item VIII: Summary and Closing**

- A. Agenda Items for the Next RAB Meeting
  - 1. Mr. Quintanilla asked for presentations on:
    - a. Site D-10
    - b. Possible Contamination under Bldg. 375
    - c. Kelly's top five environmental priorities.
    - d. He also asked what Kelly AFB's role will be in ATSDR's training of local citizens and health care professionals preceding the release of the Public Health Assessment.
  - 2. In regards to BCT materials, Mr. Banner said the BCT will take up the question at its next meeting and report to the RAB.

B. Action Items for the next RAB Meeting

ITEM	REQUESTOR	REQUEST
1	BGen Murdock	Draft letter of appreciation on behalf of the RAB to Damian Sandoval for co-chairs to sign.
2	Mr. Rice	Continue issue and answer regarding Edwards Aquifer contamination to next RAB meeting.
3	Mr. Quintanilla Ms. Huerta	RAB requests executive summaries of technical documents in Public Comment now and a process for all future releases of documents.
4	Mr. Quintanilla Mr. Mixon	Request executive summary of documents be included on Web Page.
5	Mr. Rice	That BCT consider providing all input materials (handouts) to BCT meetings back to RAB.
6	Mr. Quintanilla	AFBCA provide RAB members a list of all properties “withheld” from transfer or designated for “lease back” to the Air Force.

C. The next RAB meeting will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>, at South San High School.

1. Future dates were also tentatively announced for July 20<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>.

D. Mr. Quintanilla stated his opinion that the time between meetings was too long.

E. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**Motions/Resolutions**

**Motions**

1. Motion was made to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sandoval on behalf of the RAB
  - Passed unanimously
2. Motion was made to have Mr. Jacobi the RAB parliamentarian conduct Community Co-Chair election.
  - Passed unanimously
3. Motion was made to elect by acclamation Dr. Lené as Community Co-Chair.
  - Passed unanimously
4. Motion was made to approve the October 29, 1998 RAB minutes.
  - Approved by a show of hands
5. Motion was made to add Mr. Iglesias to the RAB.
  - Passed unanimously.

Attachments (provided at the meeting to all RAB members).

1. Kelly AFB Restoration Advisory Board Materials Package
  - January 19, 1999 RAB Meeting
2. Public Involvement Opportunities Briefing Slides
3. TRS Meeting Minutes – December 15, 1998
4. BCA Briefing Slides and Information Package